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Intimations.

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NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Provisions of No. 104 of the Articles of Association the General Managers have this day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND for the half year ended 30th June, 1905, of FOUR DOLLARS per Share.
DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be obtained on application at the Office of the Company on and after WEDNESDAY, the 2nd August.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to 31st inst., both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
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Hongkong, July 19, 1905. 1392

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
O. P. CHATER,
Chairman.
Hongkong, July 12, 1905. 1344

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND of \$3.50 per Share for Six months ending 30th June, 1905, will be payable on the 27th instant, on which date DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be obtained on application at the COMPANY'S OFFICE.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to 27th instant both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, July 11, 1905. 1337

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A N INTERIM DIVIDEND of One Dollar and Seventy-five Cents per Share for Six months ending 30th June, 1905, will be payable on the 27th instant, on which date DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be obtained on application at the COMPANY'S OFFICE.
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By Order of the Board of Directors,
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General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, July 11, 1905. 1338

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Hongkong, February 15, 1905. 325

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Hongkong, April 18, 1905. 604

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Hongkong, July 3, 1905.

derie no acquiescence in linguistic accommodation.

J. I'll be all right with me.

B. With you, the voluptuousness of the dictionary, steeped in the over-venosity of his own vocabulary—a satire of undiluted verbalism!

J. Well, I want the word. So suppose I let you have that five.

B. Look here. Make it a tenner, and I'll send you a brand-new reverbator every day.

J. A bargain. [Writes cheque.]

B. Hurrah for Veronica. She's worth all your Polices put together.

J. Skittles!

B. [pocketing cheque] Well, good-bye, old Sesquipedalian Polyphosboic Hendocasyllable Threodeckeryallable, whatever you are.

J. [quite beaten]. Asa?

R. Oh, you can unlay sometimes!

J. [overcome]. Yes—remembers cheque—Contound it!

Montagu Wood, in The World.

A STAMP STORY.

Two stamps, says the "Connoisseur," were once put into an effigy box by a lady in Georgetown. They were two cents stamps, issued in British Guiana in 1860.

The lady had come across an envelope among her papers bearing two of these stamps. Thinking they might fetch a little money, she put them in the collection at one of the regular services at Christ Church, in Georgetown.

The incumbent, Canon Joss, sold the envelope with the two stamps on it by auction, and it realised £205. The following year the same two stamps changed hands at £250, the first purchaser making £445 profit on the deal. The new purchaser sold them for £780 to a German dealer, who sold them to a Russian nobleman for £1000.

These two cent stamps are circular, type-set cable, printed on rose-colored paper, and are extremely rare; only 11 copies being known.

BATTLESHIP RACE.

The United States battleship Alabama, flagship of the North Atlantic squadron, reports an interesting ocean race, lasting eight hours, between the seven battleships which constitute the squadron. The Missouri, Kentucky, Kearsage, Iowa, Massachusetts, and Maine averaged over 14 knots, the Missouri doing the best.

The Alabama, generally regarded as the speediest ship in the squadron, which won a similar race two years ago, was left hopelessly behind, and her defeat amazed very one, her engineers included. The latter say everything was in order, and the hull of the battleship was perfectly clean.

To determine the reason why the Alabama could steam barely 12 knots an hour, a special examination in dry dock has now been ordered. It is suggested that painting the Alabama's bottom last winter during freezing and snowy weather produced a surface of irregularities which impaired her speed in the same way as would actual foulness.

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Hongkong, July 28, 1904. 1386

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(STUDENT OF DR. G. O. ROGERS),
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March 10, 1905. 513

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Goods per Austria undelivered after this

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on this date subject to rent.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1905.

PLAYING AT REFORM.

It is not without interest that the

Chinese Government has published an

edict (as given in our issue of Tuesday)

which instructs certain representative

mandarins to proceed to countries both

of the East and West in order that

they may secure that 'knowledge of the

origin of matters of importance to the

country' which they now lack. An

epigram may be applied to Chinese

edicts which we remember to have seen

applied to Cornish pillars:—When

they are good they are only middling;

when they are bad they had better be

'enough'. It is one thing to publish

an edict; it is another to wield

the necessary authority to insure its

compliance being carried into effect.

Chinese Government is a piece of

machinery which is so loosely jointed

together, that at best it moves in a very

wholly way, and some of its bearings

and axles have been used for so many

millenniums that nothing but an in-

capacity for detecting the dilapidated

condition of its political workings, can

explain why no serious efforts have

been made to obviate its defects. It

is true that the telegraph has done

something to connect the remotest

parts with the centre at Peking, but

even yet, apparently—provided that no

very determined opposition is shown to

an edict—the provincial magistrates have

large powers at their disposal which

will enable them to evade an edict by at-

tempting little or nothing. The practical

outcome of the present edict will

depend upon the calibre of the men

selected for the mission entrusted to

their charge. If, like Li Hung Chang,

they simply make a tour of the European

capitals, to give presents to the select

few, and receive presents from the ex-

pectant many, to gaze on and wonder

at the complicated machinery of the

great manufacturing centres, to appraise

the beauty at the complimentary balls,

and, generally, to have the mind bewil-

dered at the multiplicity of objects of

whose uses they know little, and of whose

mechanism they can know even less,

there is no reasonable hope of any per-

manent good resulting from the expen-

diture of national funds. But even

should the men for the task be admir-

ably chosen, and should they set out

with the determination to acquire, to

sift, and to assimilate knowledge, there

yet remains the more difficult task of

making those who remain at home see

what they themselves have looked on

and value the knowledge which they

have gained at so great a cost. And

even were this done there yet remains

the most gigantic part of their task

unachieved, which is to give practical

effect to the knowledge gained, amidst

the conditions of political life to-day

obtaining in China. We remember

what happened some twenty-five years

ago, when the students returned from

Not long ago a new play was about to be

produced at a leading Australian theatre,

and a number of very tall men were re-

quired to appear as guards in a scene which

lasted about 10 minutes. The manage-

ment, at its wits' ends to secure the re-

quired number, sent out its secretary, a

most energetic young man, who did not

know what failure was, with instructions

that he might increase the usual 15 a week

to 21. The secretary walked briskly round

the parts of the city where unemployed per-

sons congregated, and, after half-an-hour's

study of the different types, found one of

the men he wanted—tall, broad-shouldered,

and young—who was leaning against a lamp-

post, and yawning. "Looking for a job?"

he inquired. "That's right," replied the

tall man languidly. "I can give you one

for three weeks," said the secretary. "What

is it?" asked the tall man. "Worth 21 a

week," explained the secretary. "Whether

you like it?" demanded the tall man. "Go

on the stage," replied the secretary. "All

you have to do is to turn up at 9, and go

on for about 10 minutes. "Like I am?"

asked the tall man suspiciously. "No,"

added the secretary; "you'll have to undress

and put on the uniform." "What?" cried

the tall man, suddenly spurred into an

energy of anger. "Undress myself twice a

night for a quid a week. Not me. I got

some self-respect."

Apres of the Hongkong Hotel

being heard in Court. Many and won-

drous are the derivations whence come

these names applied by waiters to certain

dishes which on the menu card bear more

impressive titles. It is in the quickly or-

dered, quickly served, and quickly eaten

restaurants that one most frequently hears

the terms which excite his wonder, such as

'beef and the like, but occasionally

one runs across an odd epithet in an up-

town hostelry. A theatre-goer entered

a well-known up-town place the other

evening, and while awaiting his order

heard a waiter shout into the kitchen,

'One stormy night!' That was a

new one. "What's a stormy night?"

asked the curious one when his waiter

appeared. "Welsh rabbit and scrambled

eggs on separate dishes," replied the

waiter. "How did it come to get that

name?" pursued the guest. "Well, 'twas

this way," said the waiter. "One night

when it was raining a flood and blow-

ing hurricane, a chap came in and ordered

a rabbit with scrambled eggs, the rabbit

and eggs to be on separate dishes. After

he had gone, we decided that 'Welsh

rabbit, scrambled eggs, each on a separate

dish," was a waste of words, involving

a waste of breath and time. We wanted

something shorter. "Stormy night," says

I, and to it's been ever since."

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The South China Collegian for July is

to hand. As usual it is filled with inter-

esting articles written by authorities on

Chinese matters, and contains several

A CHANGE OF PERJURY.

Interpreter on Trial.

At the Magistracy, this afternoon, before Mr. F. A. Hazledine, Un Kam Wa, interpreter in the office of Messrs Johnson Stokes and Master, was charged with having committed wilful and corrupt perjury in relation to a certain document filed in the Supreme Court.

Mr. H. W. Looker appeared in person, and Mr. H. E. Pollock (instructed by Mr. Bailey) was for the defendant.

The facts of the case, as outlined by Mr. Looker, were that the charge was laid under Section 46 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1899, in May last a writ was taken out against the Ko Shing Theatre, Wing Koo and three others. The claim was for \$3,000, money lent, and the writ was served, or said to have been served, by the defendant on the complainant at the Ko Shing Theatre. The complainant's name was not mentioned in the writ and no appearance was entered at the Court and judgment was entered for the claimant. Subsequently an application for execution was made and, in connection therewith, the defendant swore two affidavits in which he stated that he served the writ on the defendant and that he knew of his own knowledge that the complainant was not a partner in the firm operating the theatre. This was the ground on which perjury was alleged. The complainant never said he was a partner and the defendant swore falsely in saying that he knew to him to be one. The order of the Supreme Court was duly executed and the defendant was released, for the debt of \$3,000, to the Hong Kong Bank and sent into gaol. He remained in the cells for 11 days and was then released on the present action was pending.

Evidence was called in which it was stated that the complainant had no connection with the theatre. His elder brother, who was the managing partner and the complainant, carried on a business at Canton but frequently came to Hongkong and stayed with his brother at the theatre. Complainant denied ever having stated that he was a partner in the firm running the theatre. Evidence had not concluded when the Court rose and the further hearing was adjourned.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Mr. A. G. Wise, Puisne Judge.)

Thursday, July 20.

REPAIRS TO A STEAM LAUNCH.

The Fok On firm sued the Tuen Ku and Ma Ma Fok for \$122.67 for work done to the steam launch "Wing Fook."

Mr. F. P. Hett (of Messrs Brutton, Hett and Golding) appeared for the plaintiff, while Mr. F. X. d'Almeida e Castro represented the defendant.

The plaintiff firm, said Mr. Hett, were shipbuilders at Shumai and in October last year they did considerable repairs to the "Wing Fook," a launch belonging to the second defendant.

The Puisse Judge—Is this the same launch as in the other case?

Mr. Hett—Yes.

The Puisse Judge—I think the best thing you can do is to ask her; she costs money all round.

Evidence was given, and the further hearing was adjourned.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before His Lordship Sir Francis Pigott, Chief Justice.)

A COMPOSITION LIKELY.

Re the Wah Loong Firm ex parte the Ku On Bank. Mr. Barlow appeared for the petitioning creditor and applied for an adjournment, as a scheme for a composition was being considered and it was likely that it would be ratified.

Mr. P. W. Golding, who appeared for the petitioning creditor in re the Wah Loong Firm ex parte E. A. Maier, made a similar application, and both were granted.

RECEIVING ORDER GRANTED.

Re Toi Chung Lee, alias Choy Ching ex parte Lo Tai Shan. Mr. C. F. Dix made an application for a receiving order on the grounds that the debtor had absconded from the Colony for the purpose of defeating or delaying payment of his creditors.

The comparators to Messrs P. Lemaire and Company had filed an affidavit declaring that the debtor was indebted to him in the sum of \$23,533.50, principal and interest of judgment secured in the Original Jurisdiction on April 10.

The application was granted, Mr. Wakeman being appointed Official Receiver.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

Re the Lai Hing firm ex parte Ma Lung Po. The public examination of Ma Lung Po (managing partner of the debtor firm) was continued. He stated there were no written agreements between the partners of the Wong Fung, but when the partnership was made an agreement was drawn up which was which was left in Canton with the firm. Witnesses did not sign a copy but he had seen one; he forgot the conditions. His wages were \$600 per year and this was provided for in the condition. All who subscribed \$50,000 in the firm received \$50 per month. He had put in between \$80,000 and \$70,000, but did not get interest on the money. Unless there was a profit he received nothing except the \$8000.

The Chief Justice—Where did you get your \$80,000?

Witness—I have been in Hongkong for 30 or 40 years and have made money. I did not borrow any from anyone.

Continuing witness said that his name was down in the list of partners of the Wong Fung, and that the \$5,000 would be due to him whether there was a profit or not. Sometimes he did not get it; last year he did not get any but in the previous year he did. Some of the other partners received \$1,000 per month, others \$500 per month. He could not say the exact amount paid out to partners but it was several thousands of dollars.

The examination was further adjourned.

ARBITRATION CASE.

The Governor's Award.

The Governor's award in connection with the Arbitration case in which Messrs Howard and Stephens claimed compensation amounting to \$282,463 for injury to Marine Lot 184 occasioned by the Praya Reclamation has been issued.

The case has extended over many years, and at length came before a Special Arbitration Board with His Excellency the Governor as Arbitrator. Evidence was heard at the Legislative Council, Chambers recently.

In his award His Excellency went into the evidence in detail, and awarded the claimants \$235,729, with interest on it from Sept. 1, 1898, together with the costs of the present proceedings and of the positions sent by the claimants to England. From this award the amount of \$15,000 paid on August 20, 1903, with the interest that has accrued on it is to be deducted.

A LAND SALE.

Important Discussion.

An interesting point cropped up in the Original Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, this morning. The case was one in which Leung Hing and Pang Chin Ngo and Law Un Sang for \$11,718.33, being damages for breach of covenant for the quiet enjoyment of all that piece of land registered in the Land Office as Section A of Samungip Lot No. 12, comprised and assured by an indenture of assignment dated June 20, 1900 made between the plaintiff on one part and the defendants on the other.

The Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, was on the bench.

Mr. H. G. Calthrop (instructed by Mr. L. d'Almeida e Castro, of Messrs Brutton, Hett and Golding) appeared for the plaintiff. Defendants were unrepresented and did not answer when called.

Mr. Calthrop stated that the plaintiff bought certain land (which was situated in the New Territory) from the defendant, in consideration of the sum of \$7,932.24. The land was supposed to contain an area of 32,370 square feet. Plaintiff sold his interest in the land to a third party and his father—Leung Po—entered into a bond in order to further secure the title to the purchaser. The title was subsequently investigated by the Land Court and an area of only 1,463 square feet was allowed. Thereupon an action was brought against Leung Po, as guarantor, by the second purchaser of the land, and judgment was obtained for \$10,000.

The Chief Justice—Where is your cause for action? The judgment was given against Leung Po—the guarantor—not against Leung Hing. I have gone through these papers carefully and cannot see that you have cause. For instance, A sells to B, B sells to C, with a guarantee by D. Now D is sued on the guarantee, but B has no cause for action. D has a cause for action—not B.

Mr. Calthrop—It is a debt due by my client to Leung Po.

The Chief Justice—It is due if it is enforced; but it is not enforced. I can see no cause for action. There is cause for an action for D against A, or D and B against A, but not B against A. It occurs to me that D might be added as plaintiff in this case; you might consider it. As the matter stands there is no cause for action.

Mr. Calthrop—In an action brought for personal injury special damages are often awarded, such as for the doctor's bill. The injured party could sue for that amount.

The Chief Justice—Yes; if the bill was produced. There is no document here. Supposing I gave you judgment and you issued execution and to-morrow Leung Po released his son from his obligation what would be the position then? I shall adjourn the case to allow you to consider what course you will take.

At this stage Mr. R. A. Harding (representing the second defendant) arrived in Court.

Mr. Calthrop—I am informed that Mr. Harding is ready to consent to judgment.

The Chief Justice—But he is not before me; the defendants are not represented. Even if they were I do not think I could consent unless the correct procedure was followed.

Mr. Calthrop—Will your Lordship allow me to join Leung Po as a defendant?

The Chief Justice—That will save time; I was thinking of it.

Mr. Calthrop—Under section 63, subsection 2 of the procedure you have the power.

After a few minutes consideration the Chief Justice said—I cannot do it unless Leung Po is represented or is present. If Leung Po is here I have no objection.

Mr. Calthrop announced that Leung Po was in Canton, but that he would get him to come down, and the further hearing was adjourned to allow him to do so.

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SPORTING.

The Water Polo Season.

The Competition About to Commence.

The annual Water Polo Competition, which is conducted under the auspices of the Hongkong Water Polo Association, is now about to begin. The usual preliminary meeting of the representatives of the various teams was held in the V. R. C. Gymnasium yesterday afternoon. Mr. T. Meek was in the chair and there were also present—Messrs E. W. Carpenter (Hongkong Royal Yacht Club), J. H. R. Hanco ('C' team V.R.C.), N. H. Alves ('B' team V.R.C.), R. C. Nicholl ('A' team V.R.C.) and E. Lamont (Secretary V.R.C.).

The meeting considered the advisability of conducting the competition under League rules instead of under the Cup Tie system, which was in force last year. This was ultimately agreed to, and it was agreed to count two points for a win and one for a drawn game. The result of this resolution will be that instead of playing a total of five matches, each team will have to meet every other team which will give a total of fifteen games.

The teams participating are—Hongkong Royal Yacht Club (amalgamated with the Hongkong Boat Club), 83rd Company R. G. A., with Company R. G. A., and three teams from the V. R. C. ('A', 'B', and 'C' respectively).

The first round is to be played off July 31, and the draw has resulted as follows—H. K. R. Yacht Club v. 'B' team; 83rd Company v. 'A' team; 87th Company v. 'C' team.

The V. R. C. teams are as follows—'A' team: Nicholl, E. H. Carpenter, R. C. Nicholl, O. E. A. Hanco, H. C. Holmes, C. Harrop and P. M. Roeders. 'B' team: N. H. Alves, C. Humphreys, C. J. Cooke, H. S. Sayer, J. Henderson, F. M. R. Pereira and O. M. S. Alves. 'C' team: H. A. Lamont, A. V. Barra, J. H. R. Hanco, A. J. V. Ribeiro, J. M. L. Pereira, O. R. Chummet and O. F. Cochrane.

From the personnel of the above three teams it appears as if the struggle for supremacy will lie between 'A' and 'B' teams, although 'C' team is not to be despised. 'A' team certainly has the most brilliant players in the Club, but the team has also a couple of weak men. On the other hand 'B' team is a collection of solid, steady players, who can be depended upon to fight the game out to the finish. However, at this early date 'A' team would appear to have the advantage. Of course, we are now judging the teams on the form displayed last year, but that standard may not be attained this year. Until the first couple of games are played off it is somewhat difficult to judge with any degree of accuracy.

It is pleasing to note that the amalgamation of the Hongkong Royal Yacht Club and the Hongkong Boat Club has resulted in a Water Polo team being entered from the combined organisations. We welcome the new players and hope that they will give a good account of themselves.

The V. R. C. teams have, since the commencement of the Competition, and usually in a hollow fashion, but this year it is to be hoped that the outside teams will give them harder contests. Both the R. G. A. teams are keen, but lack the necessary speed. Their members are gritty and play the game with plenty of vim, but lack of pace has in the past proven a drawback to their success. We hope to see them much improved this year.

AN EXPLORER'S DEATH.

BERLIN, June 16.

The sudden death is announced of Major Hermann von Wissmann, the well-known African traveller, and ex-Governor of German East Africa, who, it is stated, accidentally shot himself through the brain whilst deer-stalking last evening on his estate at Weissenbach, in Styria.

The news was received throughout Germany with sincere regret, for Major von Wissmann was closely connected, and always with honour, with the early days of the German Colonial movement, and with the first German Colonial acquisitions. He was born at Frankfort-on-Oder in 1853; and in 1871 joined the corps of cadets in Berlin. His mind gradually turned from military matters to scientific exploration, and in 1880, whilst still a lieutenant, he joined the African expedition under his friend Dr. Pogge. On two occasions after this, Major von Wissmann crossed the African continent, being the first German to accomplish the feat. His first journey was in the interests of the German African Society, and the second was on behalf of the King of the Belgians.

In the winter of 1887-88, he was selected by Prince Bismarck to suppress the Arab rising in East Africa, a commission which he carried out with brilliant success. The deceased spent several years in scientific and administrative work in the colony, and then returned to Germany. In 1892 he accepted the commission of the Anti-Slavery Committee to transport thousands of white boys from the route of the Zambesi and Lake Nyassa to Lake Tanganyika.

In 1895 Major von Wissmann was appointed Governor of East Africa, a post which, however, he had only held to the end of 1898, the state of his health obliging him to return home. He was received in Germany with great honour, but had since lived in complete retirement.

The German Press is unanimous in stating that Major von Wissmann's name will be revered for the eminent services he rendered to his country, and also because at all times and in all circumstances he not only did his duty with success, but did it without leaving a single stain on his character.

LIEZERS, June 16.

Details are now to hand concerning the manner in which Major von Wissmann met his death. It appears that he went to his shooting preserve at Weissenbach yesterday evening, and took a seat on the outskirts of a wood, while his son's tutor, who accompanied him, and a keeper were strolling. At twilight the keeper halted the Major, who called out "Yes."

Simultaneously, there came the report of a rifle, and the keeper, on hastening to the spot, found Major von Wissmann leaning back on his chair dead. The charge had entered the left eye, and blown off the top of his skull. The rifle was between the Major's outstretched arms. One barrel was empty, and the hammer of the second was cocked.

Major von Wissmann leaves a widow and four children.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LD.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders of the above company at the ninth ordinary annual meeting to be held at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Queen's Buildings, on Friday, July 28, at 3 o'clock p.m.:

The General Managers have now the pleasure to lay before the Shareholders the accompanying Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st May, 1905.

The Balance at the Credit of Profit and Loss Account, after writing off \$504.81 for depreciation and including \$481.23 brought forward from last year, is \$14,451.41 which is proposed to be appropriated as follows:

To place to Reserve Fund	\$2,000.00
Ordinary Dividend	5,940.00
General Managers' Remuneration	2,000.00
Pay a further dividend of 5% on Ordinary Shares	1,939.00
Pay \$10.80 per share on 100 Founders' Shares	1,080.00
Carry forward to New Account	551.41
Total	\$14,451.41

The Accounts now presented have been audited by Mr. W. H. Fette, who, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Dodwell & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1905.

THE JAPANESE PRESS ON PEACE.

An Interesting Review.

The possible result of the forthcoming Peace Conference at Washington and the internal trouble in Russia continue to be the chief topics of discussion in the columns of the vernacular Press.

The *Jiji Shimpō* says now that the peace plenipotentiaries have been appointed by Japan and Russia, and the place and date of their meeting have been fixed. It may well be said that all the preliminaries necessary for the holding of the peace conference in regard to which President Roosevelt has so kindly taken the initiative, have now been successfully arranged. Here, then, ends the kindly offices proffered by President Roosevelt, as stated in his advice addressed to the belligerent countries, and the peace negotiations must proceed without allowing any interference from an outsider. Nor should it be allowed that either of the parties to the Conference seek the assistance of a third party by any means whatever. Since the question of peace was mooted the action of the Japanese Government has been characterised by promptitude and straightforwardness; whereas it can hardly be denied that Russia has shown much vacillation and ambiguity in her doings. So far President Roosevelt has treated both Powers on an equal footing, but it must be remembered that with the termination of his intervention in arranging preliminaries the belligerents must assume the respective positions attained by the war. Needless to say, Japan is the victor and Russia the vanquished, and the plenipotentiaries should meet in conference fully recognising the respective positions of the countries they represent. Japan has a principle to go upon, and peace cannot be restored unless she obtains the terms that will satisfy her. Under no circumstances will Japan allow Russia to play a game of double-dealing or induce in the Japanese diplomacy and Russia must distinctly understand that she will be a loser rather than a gainer if she plays us any tricks.

Referring to the indemnity question as likely to prove a most knotty problem at the peace conference, the *Nichi-Nichi* writes that people are apt to doubt Japan's ability to exact a sufficiently large amount of indemnity to satisfy demands, and they cite in support the precedent of the Crimean War. People seem, however, to lose sight of the vast difference of circumstances between the Crimean and the present campaign. In the former, though the Allies were nominally victorious, they had suffered severely, and the English and French Governments, thoroughly tired of the horrors of war, were only too glad to make peace after the fall of Sevastopol without taking much trouble about demanding an indemnity. Russia, by her craftiness in diplomacy, was eventually enabled to conclude peace without payment of any indemnity to the Allies. In the present war, on the other hand, the world knows full well how Russia has beaten at Fort Arthur, at Mukden, and in the Japan Sea, and knows also the financial position of Japan and the temper of the nation. In short, Japan has no weakness of which Russia may take advantage, and therefore, unless Russia fully recognises her real position, her future may be fraught with grave consequences.

Since the outbreak of hostilities Japan has expended 400 million yen in domestic loans and 150 million yen by increased taxation, besides incurring foreign loans to the amount of 520 million yen. So far the disbursements in the way of war expenditure have amounted to 900 millions, which will be largely expanded in the future with the progress of the campaign. The burden upon the people for capital of national debt has increased to Yen 31.50 from Yen 12 before the war, and the burden of taxation per capita to Yen 8.30 from Yen 5.20. Unless Russia is induced to make compensation for the material loss suffered by Japan through the war, it will take a long time for Japan to heal the financial wound inflicted upon her, and her progress will necessarily be hampered during such an interval. The adverse balance of foreign trade, which had been righted during the last few years after the Japan-China War of 1894-5, has again returned since the outbreak of hostilities, the amount of imports for the half-year just ended aggregating the extraordinary figure of 140 million yen. There is no prospect of this state of things being reversed in the near future. Moreover, the amount of foreign loans has reached 800 millions, and in future Japan will be called upon to make annual provision of 50 million yen in payment of principal and interest. So long as the war lasts the exodus of gold may be prevented by means of the foreign loan policy, but it is clear that after the restoration of peace a tremendous outflow of specie will ensue and a great strain will be thrown upon economic circles. To provide for this it is only proper that Russia should be called upon to make compensation. The loss has been suffered by Russia's action, and as Russia's action provoked the war she should be held responsible for the damages suffered by her action.

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BY WHARF AND WAVE.

The case in which Perle Carpen Chetty sued the Messageries-Maritimes Company for damages consequent on the loss of the brig "Ganeah Parany" by collision with the s.s. "Toucan" was concluded at Colombo on June 4. Mr. F. R. Dias gave judgment for plaintiff for Rs1,907, with legal interest from date of action, and costs. In conclusion his Honour says: Before I close I should wish to draw the attention of the authorities to the lax way in which pilots seem to be permitted to do their work. Although the rules are imperative that no steamer shall enter or leave the harbour without a pilot on board, it would appear that this rule is violated every day, and Pilot Pascoe pleads that pernicious practice in quitting this steamer before she was out of the harbour. It may well be that in nine hundred and ninety-nine cases out of a thousand no harm may be done, but the present accident shows the absolute necessity for strict enforcement of that wholesome rule, without which the lives and property of innocent parties may at any moment be imperilled.

In brilliant weather on June 17 the battleship "Hibernia," forming the eighth and last vessel of the "King Edward" group, was launched from Devonport Dockyard by the Marchioness of Ormonde. The Marchioness, who was accompanied by her husband and the Countess of Mayo, was escorted by Vice-Admiral W. H. Henderson, Superintendent of the Dockyard, to a little table set just beneath the bow of the ponderous ram. Then the Dockyard Chaplain proceeded with the beautifully simple and deeply impressive religious service which prefaces the launching of all the ships in his Majesty's navy. Scarcely had the voice of the chaplain died away in the final supplication for "all who in this ship now or hereafter shall commit their lives unto the perils of the deep," when the Marchioness performed the time-honoured ceremony of breaking the bottle. This was an Irish custom, and the christening was done with Irish whisky. Then whilst the thin glistering rills trickled down the massive steel stem, her Ladyship cried, "Christen this ship the 'Hibernia'!" and simultaneously a beautiful silken ensign, subscribed for by the ladies of Ireland, was run up at the after jackstaff, whilst the band of the Marines softly played "Here's a health to all good ladies." The following are the official details of this latest British battleship. She was designed in 1911 by Sir William White. Her principal dimensions are:—Length between perpendiculars, 425ft.; extreme breadth, 78ft.; load draught of water forward, 20ft. 3in.; aft, 27ft. 3in.; load displacement, 16,350 tons; indicated horse-power (estimated), 18,000; speed with full power, per hour, 18 knots.

The main engines are being constructed by Messrs Harland and Wolff, Belfast. They consist of two independent sets of vertical triple expansion engines, each having four cylinders; each set is capable of developing 9000 horse-power, with 120 revolutions per minute. The boilers are 12 separate water-tube boilers of the Babcock and Wilcox type, and three separate cylindrical boilers. The armament consists of four 12in. B.L. guns, worked in two barbettes; two 12-pounder 80wt. Q. F. guns; four 9.2in. B.L. guns, worked in four barbettes; 14 3-pounder Q. F. guns; ten 6in. B.L. guns, worked in battery, 303 Maxim guns; 12 12-pound 18 cwt. Q. F. guns; and two anti-aircraft guns. The total complement of officers and men is 731.

In fine weather, and in the presence of a large company, the first-class armoured cruiser "Achilles," built by Sir W. G. Whitworth, and Co. (Limited), Elswick, for the British Admiralty, was successfully launched into the Tyne on June 17. The ceremony of launching the fine vessel, which is the twenty-first built by the firm for the English navy, and the first dealt with by them since Mr. Philip Watts left the establishment to become Director of Construction to the Admiralty, was performed by Lady Sybil Grey, daughter of the Governor General of Canada. Over all, the "Achilles" is 505ft. in length, and 48ft. between perpendiculars. In breadth she is 73ft.; her depth is 40ft. 14in.; draught, 27ft.; and displacement, 13,660 tons. Driven by twin screws worked by independent triple expansion engines, her speed is approximately to 23.00, and is expected to reach a speed approaching 23 knots per hour. The offensive armament is to be very powerful, and will include six 9.2 breech-loading guns, four 7.5 breech-loaders, two 12-pounders, and 24 3-pounders, two Maxims, and submerged torpedo-tubes. In preparing "Success" to the "Achilles" after the launch by Sir Andrew Robb, chairman of the building company, instituted an interesting comparison between the cruiser and the old "Achilles" built at Oatham in 1894 and declared ineffective in 1901. The old "Achilles" was 384ft. in length, 55 in breadth, had a displacement of 9820 tons, with a speed of 12 knots, and her main armament was 14 9in. muzzle-loaders. The new "Achilles," whilst 33 per cent. heavier, is to be twice as fast. Incidentally, Sir Andrew compared the new ship with the Japanese "Asama," also Elswick built. The "Asama" carried 18 of the larger guns, six 9.2in. and four 7.5in. took the place of the four 9in. and 14 6in. guns in the "Achilles." The "Asama" had some advantages in defensive power, her armour being one inch thicker than that of the "Achilles." Mr. A. J. Cochrane, who replied to the toast on behalf of Lady Sybil Grey, said her father, the Governor General of Canada, had called, "Love to you, Sir Andrew and 'Achilles.' We are embracing bottles in sympathy." Captain James, R.N., acknowledging the toast of The British Navy, commended the recent policy under which obsolete ships were sent to their proper places—the scrap heap. The alteration of the arrangements for commissioning ships, and the reorganisation of naval education, he contended, were changes for the better, which made for the greater efficiency of the navy.

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